Impact of increase In the prices of pulses

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Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the retail prices of pulses during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for rise in prices of pulses;

(c) whether the increase in the prices of pulses has an adverse impact on per capita consumption; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the supply position of pulses?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) A statement indicating retail prices of selected pulses during the last years is given at annexure Statement *(see* below)

(b) and (c) The prices of pulses have shown some uptrend mainly due to an estimated gap of about 3 million tonnes in the dmand for and supply of pulses, nearly stagnant production and increase in the Minimum Support Prices. There is no evidence to show that the rise in the prices of pulses alone has any adverse impact on per capita consumption.

(d) Apart from taking measures to increase the domestic production of pulses, the Government has put the import of pulses under OGL to augment the supply and make them available to common man at reasonable prices. Pulses are also being supplied through the retail outlets of Cooperative Stores, Kendriya Bhandar and State Civil Supplies Corporations.

Statement

Retail prices of pulses at selected centres

(Rs. per kg.)

Commodity/ Centres	Current price (15.3.1995)	1 year ago (16.3.1994)	2 years ago (17.3.1993)	3 years ago (18.3.1992)
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Delhi	14.00	17.50	12.00	10.00
Bombay	20.00	17.00	14.00	10.00
Calcutta	18.00	18.00	12.00	9.50
Madras	14.00	16.50	12.50	10.00
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Delhi	18.00	16.50	13.50	15.00
Bombay	22.00	17.00	16.00	17.00
Calcutta	20.00	17.00	16.00	16.00
Madras	23.00	23.00	17.00	17.00

Source; States Civil Supplies Departments.